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Chairman's Clarity of Thoughts Episode (I)

My dear knowledge seekers,

Wishing you all a year filled with new learnings, unlearning, and discovery. I sincerely hope you have enjoyed our journey together over the past year where we took some baby steps into understanding the true nature of knowledge. I hope you have developed a spirit of inquiry by now and do not hesitate to ask questions. Let us continue our journey ahead albeit with some new partners; this time, from Yaksha Prashna - a celebrated episode of the Hindu epic Mahabharata.

This ancient tale recounts a gripping conversation between a mysterious Yaksha who guards a lake and Yudhistir- the eldest Pandava. Faced with dire circumstances of saving his brothers who collapse after drinking water from the lake, without Yaksha's permission; Yudhistir must answer a series of questions posed by Yaksha which deal with ethics, existence, duty, and philosophy of life. We will however use this conversation to dissect topics which though timeless are more relevant to contemporary times and reflect today's challenges. Our objective is to explore and deep dive to unravel the truth like we have done in our journey together until now.

Enjoy the read as we delve into this month's tale of discovery.

The Tale Begins

In a serene forest under a golden sunset, Yudhistir's thirst led him to a shimmering lake. But as he bent to drink, a voice echoed: "Stop! This is my lake, and your brothers collapsed for defying me. Answer my questions, and you may drink."

Yudhistir, composed yet curious, looked up at the Yaksha's glowing form. "Ask your questions, Yaksha. I am ready to answer."

The Yaksha smiled. "Tell me, Yudhistir, do you believe all humans respect nature?"

Yudhistir's gaze turned thoughtful. "Nature is revered in words, Yaksha, but actions often betray this reverence. Human greed has wounded the earth."

Yaksha nodded. "Indeed. Let me tell you of Satabhaya, a village in Odisha, where the fury of nature has displaced families. Rising seas have swallowed fields and homes. People now journey south, crammed in buses, leaving behind their ancestral lands, roots, and dreams. Are these not the cries of a wounded earth?"

Yudhistir listened intently. "Yes, Yaksha. Climate change is real, though some deny it. But why do these calamities grow?"

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Yaksha's voice grew grave. "Because humans chase profit over preservation. Industries spew smoke. Forests fall to axes. Rivers choke on waste. In Satabhaya, the sea's encroachment has eroded livelihoods—crops fail, freshwater sources dry up, and people have no choice but to migrate. The sea level is rising primarily due to the warming of the planet caused by human activities, such as burning fossil fuels and deforestation, which increase greenhouse gas emissions. This warming leads to the melting of glaciers and polar ice caps, adding more water to the oceans. Additionally, as seawater warms, it expands, further contributing to the rise in sea levels. These combined effects are causing coastal erosion, flooding, and the displacement of communities, as seen in places like Satabhaya.Odisha's farmers' plight is not isolated; Kerala too sees the displaced. The balance you Pandavas upheld is but a memory."

Yudhistir's heart grew heavy. "What can be done to restore this balance?"

The Yaksha paused, then posed another question. "Tell me, Yudhistir, what is worse than denying the truth?"

A New Revelation

Yudhistir pondered. "Denying the truth is grave. But… deceiving others with false solutions is worse."

Yaksha's eyes glowed brighter. "You speak wisely. Now, consider this: Many companies today brand themselves as saviors of the planet. They promise sustainability. They flaunt green labels. Yet, much of this is deception. Do you know this term, Yudhistir?"

"Greenwashing," Yudhistir answered. "A mask of virtue to hide vice."

"Precisely," Yaksha said, his tone sharp. "Plastic bottles are 'eco-friendly' because they're 'recyclable,' but recycling rates are abysmal. Companies plant trees, yet cut forests elsewhere. Fashion brands claim 'sustainability' while exploiting labor and polluting rivers. Greenwashing fools the well-meaning and delays real change."

Yudhistir felt a surge of anger. "How do we fight this illusion?"

"By questioning," Yaksha declared. "By demanding transparency. By seeing beyond the veil. A student in Odisha might ask why their village floods, but they must also ask why large corporations continue to expand coal mines. The youth must be warriors of truth, not mere spectators."

The Lesson Unveiled

Yudhistir's voice was firm. "Yaksha, you have opened my eyes. Climate change is the battle, but greenwashing is the trap. Both must be fought with vigilance and honesty."

"Then take this wisdom," said Yaksha, "and share it widely. Tell your brothers, your people, and the world. The lake is yours, for you answered with integrity."

As Yudhistir drank, he reflected deeply. He vowed to uphold truth, protect the earth, and challenge deceit in every form.

Dear knowledge seekers,

Climate change isn't just science; it's a reality felt by families in villages like Satabhaya. Rising seas, failing crops, and lost livelihoods force people to migrate. But the greater danger lies in greenwashing—a betrayal of trust. Remember the Yaksha's words: question, learn, and act. The earth's story depends on you.

Until next time, keep seeking the truth.

The Bodhi Tree and the Question of a Better World

In the vibrant village of Anandpur, a group of friends—Meera, Arjun, Sanjay, and Kavya—gathered beneath the ancient Bodhi tree after school. The tree stood tall, its branches spreading like a wise guardian. It was their favorite spot for deep conversations.

One breezy evening, Meera asked, "How can we make the world a better place? It feels like such a big question."

The Bodhi tree rustled its leaves as if it had been waiting for this moment. "An important question indeed," it said, its voice as soothing as the wind. "Let me share a story."

The children sat up, curious.

"Years ago," the tree began, "there was a young man named Dashrath Manjhi, a laborer from a small village in Bihar. His village was cut off from the nearest town by a massive mountain. When his wife fell ill, he couldn't get her to a doctor in time because the journey around the mountain was too long. Her death broke his heart, but it also ignited a fire within him.

"Dashrath decided to carve a path through the mountain, alone. People mocked him, called him mad, but he didn't stop. For 22 years, using just a hammer and chisel, he worked tirelessly. And finally, he created a road that connected his village to the world. What seemed impossible became a reality because of one man's determination. Today, his story inspires millions to overcome obstacles and persevere."

Arjun's eyes widened. "He did all that alone? That's incredible!"

The tree swayed gently. "Indeed. Dashrath Manjhi showed us that even the smallest person can make a monumental difference. His story reminds us that making the world better doesn't always need grand gestures. It needs courage, persistence, and heart."

Sanjay asked, "But what can we do? We're just kids."

"You can start with small acts," the tree replied. "Plant a tree, help a friend, share knowledge with someone who needs it. Look at India's Swachh Bharat Mission.

It began with individuals cleaning their surroundings, and now it's transformed entire cities and villages."

Kavya nodded thoughtfully. "If Dashrath Manjhi could carve a road, we can definitely do our part."

The Bodhi tree's leaves glimmered in the fading sunlight. "Remember, my children, a better world begins with better hearts. Each of you has the power to create ripples of change. Just start where you are."

From that day, the children began their own small projects—cleaning their village, planting trees, and teaching younger kids. Under the shade of the Bodhi tree, they grew into changemakers, proving that even small hands can shape a brighter world.

Principal's Message: Building a Nation Through Values

Dear Parents,

As we welcome the New Year, January brings with it a time of reflection and celebration. It is the month when we honor the adoption of the Indian Constitution—our nation's guiding light, rooted in the principles of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity.

At KT Global School, we believe that these values are not just words but the foundation of a strong, united, and progressive society. They remind us of the sacrifices made by our forebearers and the responsibility we bear to uphold these ideals in our lives and communities.

Justice teaches our children to stand for fairness and truth, to ensure their actions uplift those around them. Liberty inspires them to dream freely and express themselves with confidence and respect for others. Equality instills in them the belief that every individual deserves dignity and opportunity, regardless of differences. And fraternity encourages them to foster bonds of empathy and harmony, building bridges in a diverse world.

Our role as parents and educators is to nurture these values in our children. Through every lesson, every interaction, and every experience, we aim to shape them into compassionate citizens who honor their rights while respecting their responsibilities.

This Republic Day, let us pledge to model these principles in our own lives. Let us show our children that justice begins with fairness at home, liberty thrives in an environment of trust, equality grows when we celebrate differences, and fraternity blossoms when we extend kindness to all.

Together, we can inspire the next generation to carry forward the torch of our Constitution, making not just their lives but the world a better place. Let us work hand in hand to build a future rooted in values that honor our nation's spirit.

With gratitude and hope,

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The Journey of Shorya: The Abstract Prodigy

In the quiet town of Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh, a boy named Shorya Mahanot discovered his calling at the age of four. While most kids his age played with crayons, Shorya found solace in abstract art. What began as playful strokes alongside his sister evolved into breathtaking masterpieces that mirrored the depths of his imagination.

Shorya's father, Aditya Singh, once dreamed of pursuing fine arts but never had the chance. When he saw his son's raw talent, he decided to share Shorya's work on Facebook. The response was overwhelming. Encouraged, Aditya nurtured his son's artistic journey, transforming their humble home into a cradle for creativity.

In 2013, Shorya made his international debut at ArtExpo, New York. His bold use of colors and unique signature style left art lovers in awe. That same year, he earned the "Rising Star" award at Spectrum, Miami. Critics hailed him as "India's Child Picasso," a prodigy reshaping abstract art.

Not one to rest on laurels, Shorya collaborated with Microsoft to explore digital abstract art, blending tradition with technology. His works, fetching up to $65,000, have graced galleries worldwide, including Bougain Villaea in Udaipur, where his collection sold out entirely.

Beyond art, Shorya's philanthropy stands out—he donates a portion of his earnings to children's charities, proving that creativity and compassion go hand in hand.

From a small-town boy to an international sensation, Shorya's journey reminds us that dreams, when nurtured, can create legacies.

Inside the mind of the innovators

6 Ways to Empower Future Innovators Through Experiential Learning

By Nibedita Panda, Grade IX

Experiential learning is all about learning by doing. Instead of just sitting in a classroom and listening to lectures, students get to tackle real-world problems and put their ideas into action. This hands-on approach helps unlock creativity and teaches important skills like problem-solving, teamwork, and adaptability. It's not just about learning what innovation means—it's about learning how to innovate!

Here's a roadmap to empower future innovators through experiential learning:

1. Problem Solving: Students are given real-world scenarios where they need to solve problems. These challenges have real impacts, making the tasks feel meaningful and relevant. Experiential learning works best when the problem being solved matters beyond the classroom walls.

2. Iterative Process: Innovation is all about trying, failing, and improving. Students gather feedback, test their ideas, and refine them. This "fail-fast, learn-fast" approach helps them learn quickly and grow from their mistakes.

3. Collaboration: Innovation isn't a one-person job. By working in teams, students learn how to combine different perspectives and ideas. They discover the power of teamwork and how it leads to better solutions.

4. Mentorship: Connecting students with experienced mentors is key. Mentors can guide them, share their own innovation stories, and offer practical advice based on real-world experiences. This helps students learn from those who've already walked the path.

5. User-Centred Design: The best solutions come from understanding the people who face the problem. Students are taught to put users at the center of their design process. This ensures their innovations truly meet real needs.

6. Pitching and Communication: Innovation isn't just about having great ideas—it's also about sharing them. Students learn how to pitch their ideas and communicate their value effectively. This skill helps them gain support and turn their visions into reality.

Why Experiential Learning Matters

Through experiential learning, students discover that innovation isn't just about a sudden "Eureka!" moment. It's about curiosity, resilience, teamwork, and continuous improvement. They learn to face challenges head-on and come up with creative solutions.

By the end of their journey, students look back at what they've achieved. They see prototypes that could change industries, ideas that could solve global problems, and a deep understanding of how innovation works.

Experiential learning doesn't just give students knowledge—it gives them the experience of innovation itself. And that's what prepares them to tackle the challenges of the future.

Pulse of our school

1. Grandmaster Chess Camp: Training Champions of Tomorrow

KT Global School hosted a 10-day Grandmaster Camp with Russian Grandmaster Boris Savchenko. Chess enthusiasts from across Odisha honed their skills in strategy and physical fitness. The camp was a perfect blend of mental agility and physical endurance.

2. Building a Safer Community: POSH Training at KT Global

We conducted a training session on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act for students, faculty, and staff. The session emphasized creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment. It reinforced our commitment to fostering a culture of respect and protection for all.

3. Eureka! Celebrating Young Innovators

Our students dazzled with their creativity and knowledge at the Eureka event. From English literature to global issues like climate change, they showcased innovative solutions. It was a testament to their curiosity and problem-solving skills.

4. Championing Inclusivity: Best School Award 2024

KT Global School was honored with the Best School Award for Excellence in Disability Empowerment at the Odisha Disability Conclave 2024. Our inclusive education model integrates differently-abled students seamlessly. Director Principal Dr. Deep Khare reaffirmed our commitment to empowering diverse talents.

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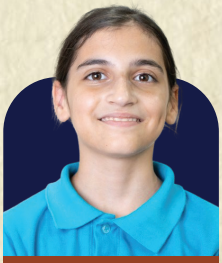

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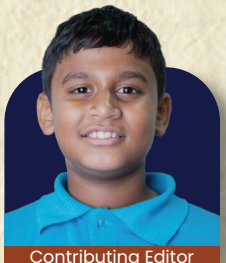

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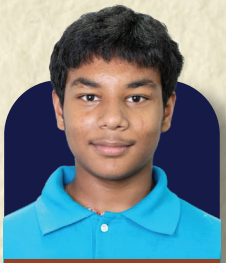

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